

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003 – 0530 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern California and Southern California Areas and light elsewhere. Nationally, 204 new fires were reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest and Northern California Areas, and two in the Southern California Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Northern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CEDAR, Cleveland National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) and various fire agencies in San Diego County. This fire is in chaparral, ten miles east of Ramona, CA. Extreme fire behavior with flame lengths over 200 feet and long range spotting was observed. Threatened residences and commercial properties have been evacuated and structure protection is a priority. Interstate 8 is closed between Los Coches and Crestline, Highway 67 is closed, and Interstate 5 has been closed intermittently.

OLD, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral on the north side of San Bernardino, CA. Wind-driven fire caused rapid rates of spread and spotting. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences and commercial properties.

PADUA, Angeles National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral, six miles north/northeast of Claremont, CA. Extreme fire behavior with sustained runs and spotting in continuous fuel was reported.

PARADISE, Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Snell) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, six miles northeast of Escondido, CA. Extreme fire behavior due to Santa Ana winds was observed. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences.

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. Gelobter's Type 1 Incident Management Team will assume management of the west portion of the fire bordered by the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forest. This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Sustained runs and spotting were observed in continuous fuels. Evacuation orders have been lifted for the southern perimeter. Evacuation orders remain in effect for Lytle Creek and Mt. Baldy Village.

SIMI INCIDENT, Ventura County. A Unified Command between a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Haines) and Ventura County Fire Department (Sanchez) is in place. This fire is in chaparral and grass, five miles north of Simi Valley, CA. Terrain-driven fire with rapid uphill runs occurred as winds diminished. Structure protection is in place in the Simi Valley area.

MOUNTAIN, Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Matis) is assigned. This fire is in heavy brush and hardwood slash, 13 miles northeast of Temecula, CA. Winds have caused aggressive fire behavior with rapid rates of spread and spotting.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. A transfer of command from Dorn's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF) Type 1 Incident Command Team (Kerrigan) occurred yesterday. This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Red flag conditions, steep and rugged terrain and heavy fuel loading have hampered suppression efforts. Continued intense fire behavior with rapid uphill runs was observed on the northern perimeter. Structure protection is in place for 300 residences and two commercial properties.

VERDALE, Los Angeles County. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Osby/Vandenbossche) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral and oak grass, four miles west of Santa Clarita, CA. Minor interior flare-ups were observed.

ROBLAR 2, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. This fire is in chaparral, six miles west of Fallbrook, CA. Fire activity continued on the west flank, suppression efforts have been limited in this area due to safety concerns.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Fire activity continues in well developed thermal belts, and roll-out spotting along ridge tops and in drainages within containment lines continued to occur.

OTAY, Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hill) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral, five miles south of Dulzura, CA. Active fire behavior with rapid rates of spread was reported.

CUESTA, San Luis Obispo Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is in chaparral and oak woodland, five miles northeast of San Luis Obispo, CA. Steep and difficult terrain, along with high temperatures and low humidity has hampered suppression efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CEDAR	CA	CNF	180,000	0	11/5	2,300	31	25	4	400	2.5M
OLD	CA	BDF	26,000	10	UNK	1,632	37	251	10	310	2.8M
PADUA	CA	ANF	8,000	15	10/31	499	11	50	0	65	NR
PARADISE	CA	MVU	30,000	15	11/1	918	18	115	2	160	682K
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	57,232	35	10/31	2,278	44	199	15	65	9.5M
SIMI INCIDENT	CA	VNC	92,000	5	10/29	1,074	14	210	6	80	1.1M
MOUNTAIN	CA	RRU	9,742	55	10/28	697	10	54	6	18	500K
PIRU	CA	LPF	29,324	10	UNK	1,083	37	20	4	1	1.1M
VERDALE	CA	LAC	8,650	95	10/31	677	23	45	9	1	2.4M
ROBLAR 2	CA	MCP	8,592	85	UNK	68	2	4	2	0	5.4M
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	1,297	98	11/15	51	1	0	2	0	1.5M
OTAY	CA	MVU	45,291	90	10/28	331	10	28	0	6	2M
CUESTA	CA	SLU	160	30	10/28	182	5	14	2	0	NR
ALBANITA/HOOKER - WFU	CA	SQF	4,064	N/A	N/A	70	2	3	0	0	100K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	11,643	N/A	N/A	16	1	0	0	0	786K

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHERRY CREEK 2, Uinta National Forest. This fire is in grass and brush, ten miles east/northeast of Springville, UT. An active flame front backing into the wind and occasional uphill runs were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHERRY CREEK 2	UT	UIF	1,500	15	10/29	103	7	8	4	0	225K
SHEPARD	UT	WCF	391	100	---	43	1	0	1	0	370K

WCF = Wasatch-Cache National Forest

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CENTERVILLE	CA	BTU	100	100	---	75	2	10	0	9	400K

BTU = Butte Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SKI RUN, Lincoln National Forest. This fire is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, six miles northwest of Ruidoso, NM. Active fire behavior with spotting was observed. Local residences have been evacuated.

ROSE, Grand Canyon National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is in timber and litter, 15 miles northeast of North Rim Developed Area. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SKI RUN	NM	LNF	400	10	10/31	59	2	4	0	0	15K
ROSE - WFU	AZ	GCP	1,800	N/A	N/A	59	2	4	2	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: For much of northern California west of the Sierra/Cascade crest through Tuesday morning for low humidity and moderate easterly winds.

Fire Weather Watches: For Wednesday (10/29/03) across northwestern Nevada for strong winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: The Santa Ana winds which brought low daytime humidity and poor night recovery over southern California will slacken today as high pressure moves away from the West Coast. This is in response to a strong cold front that will drop into the Pacific Northwest and Northern Great Basin later today. Winds ahead of the system will switch to the west and increase today, especially across northern California and the Northern Great Basin. The onshore winds will make their way into southern California on Wednesday and Thursday. Behind the front, a dramatic drop in temperature will occur in the Northwest and Northern Rockies.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny.	75 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 80 to 90 upper desert. 90 to 100 low desert.	5 to 15% desert. 8 to 20% mountains. 12 to 20% valleys. 20 to 35% coast.	Northeast 5 to 15 mph in the morning and southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly cloudy, windy, and cooler. A chance of rain or snow showers in central Idaho by late afternoon or evening. A strong cold front will move through Tuesday night. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy, warmer, and breezy.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 46 to 57 mountains, 58 to 68 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 50 to 64 mountains, 65 to 82 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 18 to 32% valleys, 25 to 45% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 5 to 15% valleys, 8 to 24% mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest 10 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Southwest 10 to 20 mph over western portions, southwest or upslope 5 to 15 mph east.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear.	Upper 60s and 70s higher elevations and 80s and lower 90s elsewhere.	10 to 20%	Northeast to southeast 4 to 10 mph gusts 16 to 22 mph over the ridges in the morning.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny.	70 to 80 north 80 to 90 south 60s & 70s Mountains	10 to 20% Northeast 5 to 15% Elsewhere 10 to 20% Mountains	Upslope/upvalley in the morning becoming west/northwest at 5 to 15 mph.



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CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					5	2	7
	ACRES					2	4	6
Northern California	FIRES				0	23	1	24
	ACRES				70	189	1	260
Southern California	FIRES					18		18
	ACRES					126,101		126,101
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3					2	5
	ACRES	1					0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			3	1	7
	ACRES		52			2	1,651	1,705
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						3	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Southern Area	FIRES				1	137	2	140
	ACRES				1,030	1,211	20	2,261
TOTAL	FIRES	3	3	0	1	186	11	204
	ACRES	1	52	0	1,100	127,505	1,689	130,347

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	21	11	401	14	464
	ACRES	23	40,821	283,123	3,827	247,654	2	575,450
Northwest	FIRES	304	250	15	50	1,893	1,290	3,802
	ACRES	24,276	18,153	16	1,170	50,549	331,458	425,622
Northern California	FIRES	166	72	17	20	3,054	1,251	4,580
	ACRES	243	12,633	603	6,635	81,397	38,454	139,965
Southern California	FIRES	69	139	10	76	2,881	845	4,020
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,828	164,182	43,514	214,473
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,035	71	34	86	991	1,529	3,746
	ACRES	79,165	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,439	365,951	873,949
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	843	7	46	897	1,064	2,916
	ACRES	19,424	131,421	1,244	2,733	55,854	143,457	354,133
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	454	1	11	122	176	773
	ACRES	2	11,408	79	6	1,982	3,288	16,765
Southwest	FIRES	898	193	5	69	898	2,132	4,195
	ACRES	35,695	5,917	284	11,834	16,207	203,203	273,140
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	798	40	48	4,213	752	6,036
	ACRES	20,214	17,518	1,964	783	70,779	58,429	169,687
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		67	37	10,355	512	11,933
	ACRES	53,155		6,890	708	115,890	5,796	182,439
Southern Area	FIRES	155		46	15	12,706	360	13,282
	ACRES	21,871		12,130	1,838	196,088	9,021	240,948
TOTAL	FIRES	3,844	2,835	263	469	38,411	9,925	55,747
	ACRES	255,724	310,239	329,973	198,041	1,170,021	1,202,573	3,466,571

Ten Year Average Fires	74,879
Ten Year Average Acres	4,340,661

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	1				1	3
	ACRES	563	2				94	659
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						15	15
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		20					20
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5,725					5,725
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						47	47
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	0	0	8	11
	ACRES	563	5,747	0	0	0	176	6,486

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	34	105	34	3		331	507
	ACRES	6,292	27,622	6,432	123		44,614	85,083
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		137	277
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		10,998	35,573
Southern California	FIRES		2	5	9		170	186
	ACRES		27	698	3,335		13,675	17,735
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	96	4	42	411	575
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,441	29,290	55,290
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	7		14	52	108
	ACRES	18	33,442	409		2,358	20,985	57,212
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	23	37	19	9	3	345	436
	ACRES	4,148	32,711	39,373	8,183	12	59,157	143,584
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	34	101	9	18	221	413
	ACRES	1,777	27,349	13,820	9,592	1,715	20,697	74,950
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		352	16	520	231	1,145
	ACRES	10,640		76,009	1,823	84,944	27,699	201,115
Southern Area	FIRES	54		280	105	16,007	1,266	17,712
	ACRES	19,404		97,519	85,021	827,577	950,089	1,979,610
TOTAL	FIRES	182	236	1,006	177	16,610	3,165	21,376
	ACRES	42,812	129,510	271,349	113,434	920,602	1,177,434	2,655,141

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES				9		3	12
	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						2	2
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			9,278		23,288	32,566
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,496	15,944
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	10	32	1	93	0	192	328
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	20,142	0	257,368	322,000

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	2	1	32	2		2			40	
Northern California	4	3	1	13						3
Southern California	58	195	142	903	29	40	1		826	1823
Northern Rockies	2		2						5	
Eastern Great Basin	1	7	6	5	5	4			24	6
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2		3	1					25	5
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area										
Total	69	206	186	924	34	46	1	0	924	1837

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